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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-293530, published October 20, 2000.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-276532, published October 6, 2000.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H10-63725, published March 6, 1998.

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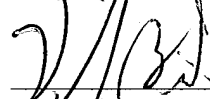
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For Claims 1-8  
Cited Literature 1

The transmission of inventory information of the nearest stores based on location information is described in Cited Literature 1. Therefore, it is found that the invention according to Claims 1-8 could have been easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Literature 1.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-293530

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-276532
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-063725

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引用文献1

位置情報に基づき最寄りの店舗の在庫情報を携帯電話に送信することが、引用文献1に記載されている。よって、請求項1-8に係る発明は引用文献1に基づき当業者が容易に想到し得たものと認める。

引用文献等一覧

1. 特開2000-293530号公報

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